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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A method for treating atrophy or aging of skin in women,

comprising:

administering to a female subject in need thereof, a topical skin preparation

comprising a testosterone ester of an acid having between six to eleven carbon atoms,

provided that the topical skin preparation does not comprise estrogen or estrogen

derivatives.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the testosterone

ester is testosterone phenyl propionate.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the testosterone

phenyl propionate is present in a concentration of from 0.1 to 3% by weight of the total

preparation.

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25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the topical skin

preparation is in the form of an oil solution which comprises an oil.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 25, wherein the oil is a medium

chain triglyceride.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 24 [[22]], wherein the testosterone

phenyl propionate is present in a concentration of from 0.1 to 1% by weight of the total

preparation.

28. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the topical skin preparation further

comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

29. (New) The method according to claim 28, wherein the one or more pharmaceutically

acceptable additive is selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant

and a perfume.

30. (New) The method according to claim 27, wherein the testosterone phenyl propionate

is present in a concentration of 1% by weight of the total preparation.

31. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein the topical skin preparation is a

suspension.